

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 were previously pending, of which claims 25-39 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of presently pending claims 1-24 is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Drawings Objections

The drawings objection has been addressed by adding the reference numeral "34" to the discussion of FIG. 3 in the specification at pg. 8. No new matter has been added.

Specification and Claim Objections

The specification and claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions to make the various chemical representations consistent throughout the application. No new has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 1 has been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Basol, et al. (US Patent Publication No. 2004/0012090 hereinafter referred to as "Basol"). Claim 1 has been amended to include a limitation from claims 2 and 3. Claims 2 and 3 were previously indicated as being allowable, but for their dependence on rejected claim 1. Therefore, the rejection is not supported by the Basol reference and should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 4-24.

Conclusion

It is clear from all of the foregoing that independent claims 1, 4 and 14 are in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2, 3, 5-13 and 16-24 depend from and further limit independent claims 1, 4 and 14 and therefore are allowable as well.

An early formal notice of allowance of claims 1-24 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

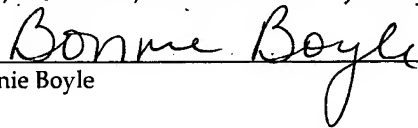


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